

generic to the different figures. It is further noted that the elected Figs. 2A and 2B should also read on claims 2-11 and 15-23. While certain of these claims may be directed to other embodiments having fewer elements than that of Figs. 2A and 2B, these other claims should also read on the elected embodiments of Figs. 2A and 2B.

It is respectfully submitted that a complete reply to the Restriction Requirement of March 9, 2005 has been provided. Because the present response is being timely filed within thirty (30) days of the June 23, 2005 Office Communication, no extensions of time should be necessary.

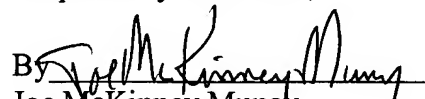
An action on the merits of the claims of the present application is requested. Also, reconsideration and withdrawal of both the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement are requested.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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